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Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/23370 and Corr.1 of 9 January 1992, S/23370/Add.1 of 17 January 1992, S/23370/Add.3 of 7 February 1992, S/23370/Add.10 of 26 March 1992, S/23370/Add.11 of 27 March 1992, S/23370/Add.13 of 21 April 1992, S/23370/Add.16 of 11 May 1992, S/23370/Add.19 of 15 June 1992, S/23370/Add.20 and Corr.1 of 16 June 1992, S/23370/Add.21 of 19 June 1992, S/23370/Add.23 of 23 June 1992, S/23370/Add.24 of 24 June 1992, S/23370/Add.26 of 27 July 1992, S/23370/Add.27 of 28 July 1992, S/23370/Add.28 of 29 July 1992 and S/23370/Add.29 of 30 July 1992.

During the week ending 8 August 1992, the Security Council took action on the following items:

Letter dated 4 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 4 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (see also S/22110/Add.50, S/23370/Add.1, S/23370/Add.5, S/23370/Add.7, S/23370/Add.14, S/23370/Add.16, S/23370/Add.19, S/23370/Add.21, S/23370/Add.23, S/23370/Add.24, S/23370/Add.26, S/23370/Add.28 and S/23370/Add.29)

In a letter dated 4 August 1992 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/24376), the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United States Mission to the United Nations stated that, in view of reports of abuses of civilian prisoners in camps throughout the former Yugoslavia, he had been instructed to request an immediate meeting of the Security Council to discuss the situation.

In a letter dated 4 August 1992 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/24377), the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations stated that there had been reports in the international communications media about concentration camps and the torture of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina by citizens of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Those atrocities, he added, could not be regarded as internal acts that violated human rights, but rather as inhuman acts of aggression by one country against another, which continued to constitute a serious threat to international peace and security. He requested that an urgent meeting of the Security Council be convened to discuss the matter with the seriousness which it deserved.

The Security Council met to consider the item at its 3103rd meeting, held on 4 August 1992, on the basis of the above requests.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

The President stated that, following consultations among members of the Council, he had been authorized to make the following statement (S/24378) on behalf of the Council:

> "The Security Council is deeply concerned at the continuing reports of widespread violations of international humanitarian law and in particular reports of the imprisonment and abuse of civilians in camps, prisons and detention centres within the territory of the former Yugoslavia and especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Council condemns any such violations and abuses and demands that relevant international organizations, and in particular the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), be granted immediate, unimpeded and continued access to all such places and calls upon all parties to do all in their power to facilitate such access. The Council further calls upon all parties, States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to make immediately available to the Council any further information they might possess regarding these camps and access to them.
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> "The Council reaffirms that all parties are bound to comply with the obligations under international humanitarian law and in particular the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and that persons who commit or order the commission of grave breaches of the Conventions are individually responsible in respect of such breaches.
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> "The Council will remain actively seized of this issue."

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 762 (1992) (see also S/22110/Add.50, S/23370/Add.1, S/23370/Add.5, S/23370/Add.7, S/23370/Add.14, S/23370/Add.16, S/23370/Add.19, S/23370/Add.21, S/23370/Add.23, S/23370/Add.24, S/23370/Add.26, S/23370/Add.28 and S/23370/Add.29)

The Security Council met to consider the item at its 3104th meeting, held on 7 August 1992, in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations, having before it the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 762 (1992) (S/24353 and Add.1).

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Croatia, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/24382), which had been prepared in the course of the Security Council's prior consultations.

The Security Council then proceeded to vote on draft resolution S/24382 and adopted it unanimously as resolution 769 (1992).

Resolution 769 (1992) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolution 743 (1992) and all subsequent resolutions relating to the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR),

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 27 July 1992 (S/24353 and Add.1) in which the Secretary-General recommended certain enlargements in the mandate and strength of UNPROFOR,

Taking note of the letter dated 7 August 1992 from the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia to the President of the Security Council (S/24390, annex),

1. Approves the Secretary-General's report;

2. Authorizes the enlargements of UNPROFOR's mandate and strength recommended by the Secretary-General in that report;

3. Reiterates its demand that all parties and others concerned cooperate with UNPROFOR in implementing the mandate entrusted to it by the Security Council;

4. Condemns resolutely the abuses committed against the civilian population, particularly on ethnic grounds, as referred to in paragraphs 14-16 of the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General.